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46. (Previously Presented) A device for preparing a soaked cleaning fabric for use in cleaning a printing press comprising:

means for mounting a first supply roll having a strip of cleaning fabric wound around a shaft;

calendering means for reducing the thickness and increasing the length of said strip of cleaning fabric;

solvent applying means adjacent to said calendering means for applying a low volatility, organic compound solvent which does not readily evaporate at ambient pressure and temperature to said strip of cleaning fabric for forming a soaked strip of cleaning fabric, wherein said calendering means increases solvent's wettability and distribution in said strip of cleaning fabric;

means for forming a second supply roll comprising said soaked strip of cleaning fabric, wherein the diameter of said second supply roll is not substantially increased when said calendering means reduces the thickness and increases the length of said strip of said cleaning fabric; and

an excess solvent removing means interposed between said solvent applying means and said second supply roll for removing excess solvent from said strip of cleaning fabric and obtaining said strip of cleaning fabric saturated to functional equilibrium with said solvent.

49. (Original) The device for soaking a strip of cleaning fabric on site as defined by claim 46 further comprising a squeezer operatively associated with said solvent applying means to squeeze said strip of cleaning fabric between said solvent applying means and said squeezer.

50. (Original) The device for soaking a strip of cleaning fabric on site as defined by claim 49 wherein said solvent applying means comprises at least one roller and said squeezer comprises at least one roller.

51. (Original) The device in claim 46, wherein the calendaring means further comprises at least a pair of rollers adjustable in temperature.

52. (Original) The device in claim 51, wherein said rollers are heated at a temperature above room temperature.

53. (Currently Amended) A device for preparing a soaked cleaning fabric for use in cleaning a printing press comprising:

means for mounting a first supply roll having a strip of cleaning fabric wound around a shaft;

solvent applying means for applying a low volatility, organic compound solvent which does not readily evaporate at ambient pressure and temperature to said strip of cleaning fabric forming a soaked strip of cleaning fabric, such that at least a portion of said solvent applying means is partially submerged in said solvent to apply a measured amount of said solvent to said strip;

means for forming a second supply roll comprising said soaked strip of cleaning fabric;
and

an excess solvent removing means interposed between said solvent applying means and said second supply roll for removing excess solvent from said strip of cleaning fabric and obtaining said strip of cleaning fabric to functional equilibrium with said solvent.

54. (Previously Presented) The device in claim 53, wherein said solvent applying means further comprises a solvent supply roller, a rotating roller, and an application roller such that said supply roller is partially submerged in solvent, and rotation of said solvent supply roller and said application roller causes solvent to transfer from said solvent supply roller to said application roller which then applies solvent to said strip of cleaning fabric such that said rotating roller is adjacent to said application roller and said strip of cleaning fabric is placed between and adjacent to said rotating roller and said application roller for the application roller to apply a measured amount of solvent in contact with said strip of cleaning fabric.

55. (Original) The device in claim 53, wherein said solvent applying means further comprises a rotatably mounted roller submerged in solvent for dipping said strip of cleaning fabric into solvent.

56. (Original) The device in claim 53, wherein said solvent applying means further comprises a dipping roller submerged in solvent, and said excess solvent removing means further comprises a squeezing roller juxtaposed to said dipping roller and submerged in solvent.